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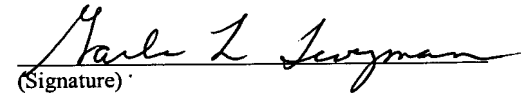
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Application No.: 08/869,275
Invention: **System And Method For
Monitoring PCR Process**
Applicant: Carl T. Wittwer et al.
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 30, 2002 for which
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Applicants hereby request a one month extension of time for response. The Assistant
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